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Dearest Herr Professor!

You will be glad to hear that I had most favourable letters from French Hugonje, R. A. Nicholson, and Macdonald, all highly approving of the "Way" of a Rsh. Mystic. This is most encouraging.

Now that you have it printed, and in pamphlet form, I should very much value any observations you feel inclined to make about it. Do you think it advances in any respect our knowledge of Sufism?

I am just concluding a summer holiday of the sea. You will be glad to hear that I read, with the greatest delight and admiration, your Vorlesungen and Zuhören during this holiday. Mrs. finished the first volume of Cactus. The colossal reading of you European savants fills me with astonishment, envy, and despair!

My collections last year were confined to a translation of El Nishkat; an



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article on the same (which has gone
to Macdonald; going through into
Mr. Ruck's accusation that the doctrine
of the sword is to be found in St. Michael,
and trying to get fresh light on the
question of a Doppelte Lehre in St.
Ghezzali; and a phonetic introduction
to Arabic pronunciation.

By the way, do you hold any strong
views as to the spelling of Mr. Hamid's
name as el Ghezali or El Ghazzali?

This month brings back in an
overpowering way my first coming to
Zugheib and the inauguration of my
never-to-be-forgotten month with you.
Ach, like Herr Professor, can I ever
forget those days. They were too beautiful -
like a dream; and one which I expect
will never return, at least in the same
form! Please present my greetings to
Dear Frau Goldziker, and say that
all through July and August I shall
be thinking every day of the same
days spent last year. I picture
it all so vividly to myself.



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One of my colleagues, a man named McNeile, is taking a Studien-jahr just as I did. At present he is in Berlin studying German. Later he goes to Macdonald.

I have just written to friend Golland. Have you seen much of him this year? How has he been in health?

Please give my kindest regards to that most estimable of Professors with whom we discussed Aristotle. Also the kind Schoolmaster and his wife. My memory for names is bad: I should be glad to be reminded of these names.

How have you been dear Herr Professor this year? And how are you now? Do you still perspire so much when you go up the mountain-paths? I hope you change your shirt immediately you get in and otherwise take great care of yourself!

Yours most truly & affectionately

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